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TO: All County Lead Agencies (ACLA)

SUBJECT: SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2000 (SACPA) – SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND TESTING ACCOUNTABILITY (SATTA) PROGRAM REGULATIONS

REFERENCE: Chapter 2.5, Division 4, Title 9, California Code of Regulations
Senate Bill 223, Chapter 721, Statutes of 2001 – Substance Abuse Treatment and Testing Accountability (SATTA) Program

The purpose of this letter is to clarify a provision of ACLA Letter No. 02-11, which transmitted the amended regulations for the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (SACPA), implementing the Substance Abuse Treatment and Testing Accountability (SATTA) Program.

The following language replaces the second bullet in the description of the provisions of the SATTA regulations:

- Drug testing, when used, must be used as a treatment tool.

The previous language was susceptible to a misinterpretation that drug testing is required by SATTA. This is not the case. We have also removed language suggesting that the regulations require that drug testing be included in a treatment plan. We continue to believe that inclusion of drug testing in treatment plans is a very important way to document compliance with SATTA's statutory requirement that drug testing, when used, be used as a treatment tool, and to document compliance with federal conditions attached to the SATTA funds. However, the regulations do not literally mandate this good practice.

We regret any confusion created by the previous language and hope that the language contained above is more clear for those responsible for implementing SACPA and SATTA.



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Thank you for your attention to this clarification. If you have any questions, please contact the SACPA liaison for your county at the Office of Criminal Justice Collaboration.

Sincerely,

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